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The following statements were made by three persons very close to and in direct contact with the Russian Prime Minister, General Andropov, during a conversation with source on 15 December 1964. In view of their position source believes that the opinions of these men reflect those of the Prime Minister also.

1. In the Prime Minister's opinion, the general situation, political and economic, has improved somewhat during the past two weeks. The improvement has resulted from a loosening of Communist activities in the factories and in the streets, and also from a much more cooperative and less obstructive position taken by the National Executive Front representatives in the Council of Ministers. It is said to be the opinion of the Prime Minister that the country has a whole is extremely anxious to get down to work and to apply itself to the fulfillment of all its obligations under the armistice. The Prime Minister has expressed the opinion that if there is a renewed outbreak of violence and no major "breakdown before Christmas," the immediate danger will be past and the new Government will be off on a fairly smooth course for at least two additional months.

2. Illustrative of the manner in which the H.D.F. representatives in the Council of Ministers are currently conducting themselves are the occurrences of 14 December. The agenda for the meeting of the Council of Ministers for that day consisted of ten rather simple, stated and very controversial bills. The Prime Minister is said to have expressed the opinion before the beginning of the session that he would count himself fortunate if one of these measures were passed and disposed of. In fact he was very surprised and well pleased when it proved to be possible to pass the entire ten bills. There was no realisation anywhere from the H.D.F. Ministers,

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and they were most courteous and cooperative through the discussions.

3. One of the bills passed was that which provides for the immediate arrest of all members of the Antonescu regime of ministerial rank, and certain Ministers under the preceding Carol regime, deemed to have been involved in the implementation of Carol's policy of orienting Rumania towards Germany and away from Russia.

Comments: The passage of this bill, if followed by the arrest of all the Ministers and others named, will be the biggest step yet taken by the Rumanians in the matter of punishing the war guilty.

4. The Prime Minister is reported to have been very pleased with the result of his most recent conversations with General Vlasov. He has had a total of approximately twenty-five such meetings, and he is said to have remarked that in the last two meetings General Vlasov showed a much more understanding and sympathetic attitude than on any former occasion. The Prime Minister took up with General Vlasov at the last meeting a request that one of the Ruman factories which manufactures rope and cable be permitted to remain in Rumania. He had very little hope that this request would be granted, and was most agreeably surprised when General Vlasov stated that he agreed in principle and would probably order that the factory be permitted to remain in operation in Rumania.

- (C-) 5. Two of the sub-sources expressed suspicion at the unusually quiet behavior of the Communists, both in and out of the Government, for the past two weeks. They state that they fear that the Communists are plotting a coup d'etat which may be timed for this week. One of these sub-sources, who is also close to Mr. Mantis reported that he is of the same opinion and has received information to the effect that the Communists are purchasing large quantities of small arms, paying as much as 100,000 lei for a pistol. This sub-source further stated that Mr. Mantis had heard that the Communists are obtaining substantial quantities of small arms from the Russians, and he speculated that the Communist purchase of small arms might be used as a means of eliciting outright gifts of arms by the Russians.

Comments: In the light of the present local situation and for other reasons, it is tentatively concluded that these rumors concerning Communist intentions have been planted by the enemy in order to sow distrust and alarm. They should, therefore, be treated with reserve.